

## MINUTES

### SUTTONS BAY TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

### MINUTES OF OCTOBER 5, 2021

#### CALL TO ORDER

Dennis Rathnaw, Chair, called the Suttons Bay Township Planning Commission to order on Tuesday, October 5, 2021, at 6:05 p.m. at the Suttons Bay Fire Department, 201 N. St. Marys Street, Suttons Bay Township, Michigan. The meeting was held in person with zoom attendees.

#### ROLL CALL - Quorum Present

Present: Dennis Rathnaw, at Fire Dept.; Susan Odom, at Fire Dept.; Don Gregory at home in Suttons Bay in accordance with a local state of emergency declaration; Tom Nixon, at Fire Dept.; and Doug Periard, at Fire Dept.,

Absent: Amy Coleman, Rhoda Johnson, Dee McClure, Andy Brandt

Staff Present: Steve Patmore, Matt Cooke

**Approval of the Agenda - Tom Nixon/moved, Susan Odom/supported, to approve the amended agenda, with the addition of solar discussion, PASSED.**

#### **Public Comment**

Wayne Livingston, S. Peck Rd, commented on Leelanau Watersports on Peck Rd.

Sharon Livingston, S. Peck Rd., commented on Leelanau Watersports on Peck Rd.

Barbara Hagan, Freeland Rd., commented on the zoning ordinance and special events.

Steve Patmore responded to questions regarding Leelanau Watersports.

#### **Conflict of Interest - None**

**Approval of the Minutes Tom Nixon/moved, Susan Odom/supported, to approve the September 7, 2021 Minutes as presented, PASSED.**

#### **Items for Discussion**

##### **1. Solar - Discussion -**

- Encourage the township to move in the direction of solar energy.
- A lot of options for using solar panels.
- Software programs available to determine where solar panels might be used to generate power.
- Identify Solar panels as an accessory use.
- Look at solar template and ask what residents think about it

## **2. Zoning Ordinance**

- Look at zoning map to see if there are areas where land is identified as Rural Residential and allow for 1 acre lots for non-productive agricultural land. This would allow for more lower income/affordable housing. Commission suggested having a workshop, using a large scale Google Map tour of the township.

## **3. Special Events**

- See Matt Cooke (Networks Northwest) Notes of Oct 5, 2021
- Have applicant mark the property line.
- Does it encourage farming?
- Be concerned about residents in the neighborhood.
- Determine the amount of acreage when allowing special events.

## **4. ZOO Project Schedule**

- Matt Cooke said schedule has not been developed.

## **REPORTS**

**Zoning Administrator-** Report submitted by Steve Patmore. He added that he has been getting calls about camping, farm stays. Recycling in Leelanau County.

**Planner -** Housing Summit coming up.

**Township Board -** Lots of discussion regarding the Parks. Requesting public comment re use of COVID Funds.

**Commissioner Comments:** Don Gregory thanked the Village for the work done on the Road in front of the school.

**Chair Comments -**None

**Public Comment -** John Zachman commented on camping at farms.

## **Next Meeting Agenda November 2, 2021**

**Adjournment -** Chair Rathnaw adjourned the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

Minutes by Marge Johnson, Recording Secretary  
Amy Coleman, Planning Commission Secretary

Approved November 7, 2021

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